

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 21, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 11-12 and 14 remain in this application, where claims 5, 8-10 and 13 had been canceled without prejudice, where claims 6-7 that had been withdrawn as being directed to Group III, FIG 5-9 are also being examined.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 11-12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,343,086 (de Vries). Further, claims 2, 4 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over de Vries in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,472,853 (Lorenz). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 6-7, 11-12 and 14 are patentable over de Vries and Lorenz for at least the following reasons.

de Vries is directed to a shaving apparatus that has hook-

shaped projections 58 that point away from the center of a coupling member 37.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 11, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

snaps hooks are provided for fastening the coupling member to the inner cutter, wherein the snap hooks are pointed toward a center of the coupling member and hook onto a coupling bush located around a center of the inner cutter.

Snaps hooks that are pointed toward the center of the coupling member and hook onto a coupling bush located around the center of the inner cutter are nowhere disclosed or suggested in de Vries. Rather, de Vries discloses hook-shaped projections 58 that point away from the center of the coupling member 37. Thus, de Vries teaches away from the having hooks that point toward the center of the coupling member as recited in independent claims 1 and 11. Lorenz cited to allegedly show other features and does not remedy the deficiencies in Vries.

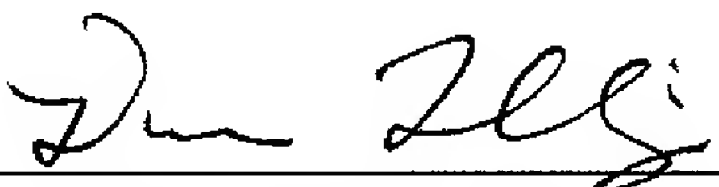
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent

claims 1 and 11 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-47 and 12-14 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 11, as well as their individually patentable elements.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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